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SUBJ: ZAIRE MAGAZINE STORY ON "THE FAILURE OF KISSINGER"

1. SEC KISSINGER, WHO UNIFORMLY ENJOYS EXCELLENT PRESS IN ZAIRE, IS CRITICIZED ON DIPLOMACY PAGE OF SEPT 2 ZAIRE MAGAZINE FOR HIS "FAILURE" IN HEADING OFF CYPRUS CONFRONTATION AND FOR HIS "TACTICAL ERRORS" SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL OUTBREAK. ARTICLE IS ENTITLED "L'ECHEC DE KISSINGER."

2. KISSINGER CRITICIZED FOR NOT HEADING OFF ORIGINAL COUP ATTEMPT (ARTICLE SAYS THAT IOANNIDIS HAD "INFORMED THE CIA"), UNDERESTIMATING MAKARIOS, AND, IN GENERAL, BEING "INCAPABLE OF STOPPING THE WAR" BECAUSE HE WAS "PREOCCUPIED BY THE RESIGNATION OF MR. NIXON AND OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS."

3. STORY CLAIMS THAT "TODAY THE US SUPPORTS TURKEY, "A CONDITION WHICH "DISPLEASES MOSCOW." IN JULY, SAYS WRITER, MOSCOW SUPPORTED TURKEY AND NOW SUPPORTS GREECE.

4. THUS, CONCLUDES ZAIRE MAGAZINE, THERE EXISTS A SUPERPOWER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN US AND SOVIET UNION, AND, WHERE "THE TWO GREAT POWERS ARE OPPOSED, PEACE IS UNCERTAIN."

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5. COMMENT: ARTICLE DEMONSTRATES ZAIRE MAGAZINE PROPENSITY TO REDUCE VIRTUALLY ANY INTERNATIONAL EVENT TO COMMON DENOMINATOR OF US-SOVIET GREAT POWER CONFRONTATION. MORE IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IT REPRESENTS FIRST CRITICISM OF SEC KISSINGER, CONSTANTLY REFERRED TO BY JOURNALISTS IN WORDS OF NEAR-RAPTUROUS SUPERLATIVES AND IN CONVERSATIONS AS "THE GREATEST DIPLOMAT OF OUR TIME."

6. POST NOTES THAT ALLEGED FAILURE IS LABELED AS THAT OF KISSINGER, AND NOT US FOREIGN POLICY. ZAIRIANS, RECEPTIVE HISTORICALLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY TO SPECTACULAR EXPLOITS OF SINGLE INDIVIDUALS, NOW SEES AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY SOLEY IN TERMS OF SEC KISSINGER AND NOT AS AN INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE GEOPOLITICAL REALITIES OF THE WORLD.

7. FOR IPS: WOULD APPRECIATE IPS ATTEMPTING PIECE ON CYPRUS CONFLICT (PERHAPS AFTER DUST SETTLES A BIT MORE) OUTLINING ROLE OF US FROM POINT OF VIEW MEDITERRANEAN STRATEGIC INTERESTS, CONCERN FOR ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND DEEMPHASIZING ANY APPARENT SOVIET-US CONFLICT. POST COULD PROBABLY PLACE PIECE IN WIDELY-CIRCULATED ELIMA AND IT WOULD SERVE AS IMPORTANT BACKGROUND MATERIAL FOR EDITORS OF ZAIRE MAGAZINE.

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